

to uphold the Speaker and maintain a sense of proportion on these questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, did you wish to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I regret that the Legislature has enacted one hundred and twenty something pages of statutes that are felt to be germane to Chapter 24. That is why they were compiled and all put in this Chapter because that is where they all belong. They interrelate. They are associated with each other and that is why they were all put in Chapter 24 even though they were passed in a multitude of different bills. That is somewhat the nature of the discussion I had this morning in saying that we will enact the statute that amends several different provisions of law and they will be scattered through the statute book, this one, and put where they belong based on their germaneness or relationship to the subject matter. So Senator Beutler wants to say now that because Chapter 24 is a long one, that determines germaneness. Well, if it only had two pages, would it then be germane? If it had three, how many pages must a chapter have before we cross the line to determine germaneness (laughter)? Senator Beutler has a keener sense of humor than a lot of you all realize and unfortunately it is utilized in a way where you can't hear it but I can and I appreciate witticisms more than I should when I am trying to give a serious presentation in support of a position with which Senator Beutler strongly disagrees. But, nevertheless, I guess it shows that battle can be waged in a lighthearted or at least a humorous fashion, and when you can make your opponent laugh, then you have done something. But trying to gather my wits again and bring you back on the track of the discussion that I was trying (laughter)...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Were you through, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I am going to fight this one through because I have an important point to make. The bill that I am attempting to amend deals with Chapter 24, remember. Chapter 24 deals with all of the courts. The provision that I want to have a chance to do something with relates to court fees and court costs. Didn't Senator Beutler himself spend a lot of time relating fees and costs to the court system? Didn't he do that the other day? Now that I am saying that a bill that relates to the court system, the fees and the costs ought to be dealt with in a bill that deals with those subjects, he wants to say they are not closely enough related. Regardless of how you feel on the proposition, let me argue that later, you should at least overrule the Chair on this particular one. We are toward